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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

This paper is submitted in response to the office action of May 13, 2008, setting a **three-month** period for response. The office action requests election from one of the following five species of claims for continued prosecution in this application:

Species I: Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 45, 49 and 53, drawn to using higher frame rate than normal frame rate to reproduce in slow motion;

Species II: Claims 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30, 34, 38, 42, 46, 50 and 54, drawn to moving image data moving image data for special reproduction are constituted by image frames which have the equal composition to images within the frame images that constitute the moving image data for normal reproduction and which have a different amount of information from the images that constitute the moving image for normal reproduction;

Species III: Claims 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 51 and 55, drawn to moving image data for special reproduction are constituted by image frames having images generated by light of a different frequency domain from that of images within image frames constituting the moving image data for normal production.

Species IV: Claims 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40, 44 , 48, 52 and 56, drawn to the moving image data for special reproduction are constituted by images having a different resolution from that of images within image frames constituting the moving image data for normal production; and

Species V: Claims 57 and 58, drawn to data structure having first, second and third data part, said third data stores information that associates said first and second data part.

The undersigned, on behalf of the applicants, elects **Species II, without traverse**, for further prosecution on the merits.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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